THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the 5th February 1925.

The House met at 11 o'clock, Mr. President (the hon. Diwan Bahadur L. D. SWAMIKANNU PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E., I.S.O.) in the chair.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Depressed Classes.

Assignment of lands to depressed classes, etc.

*105 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur CRUZ FERNANDEZ: Will the hon. the Home Member and the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to call for and lay on the table—

(*a*) a districtwar and talukwar statement of cultivable waste lands assigned to

(i) depressed and backward classes, and
(ii) ex-war service men; and

(*b*) the total area of cultivable waste lands still available for assignment to

(i) ex-war service men,
(ii) depressed and backward classes, and
(iii) others?

A.—(*a*) (i) & (*b*) (ii) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to Appendix IV of G.O. No. 3348, Law (General), dated 27th November 1924, placed on Editors' Table, which contains figures by districts. Figures by taluks are not available.

(*a*) (ii) & (*b*) (i) & (iii) The Government have no information.